SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS FOR GRANTS (GENERAL) 2008-2009

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Sir, on behalf of my colleague, Shri Pawan Kumar Bansal, I beg to lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) showing the Second Batch of the Supplementary Demands for Grants (General) for the year 2008-09. (Ends)

रेल मंत्री (श्री लालू प्रसाद): महोदय, मेरा supplementary पहले हो चुका है।

श्री उपसभापति: हां, वह हो गया है, कुछ reverse हुआ था, उसको reverse कर लेना था।

श्री लालू प्रसाद: महोदय, सब correct हो गया है।

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THE CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2008 — *contd.*

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, I am grateful to the seven hon. Members who have participated in this debate on amendment to the Criminal Procedure Code.

Sir, at the outset, I wish to say that this exercise has been gone through rather elaborately by the Committee and we have accepted many of the suggestions made by the Committee. The Criminal Procedure code is amended from time to time. I don't think there would ever be a point of time when we can say that all the amendments required to be carried out in the Code have been carried out and nothing more needs to be done, because as we live and learn, the Code has to be amended from time to time. Therefore, there are some amendments which have not yet been proposed and some amendments of the Committee which have not been accepted by the Government. I would like to request hon. Members to show some forbearance because as time goes on, many of these amendments can be considered again in greater depth and accepted.

Sir, these amendments which have been introduced today are based on suggestions made by the Law Commission in its 154th and 177th Reports and these Reports have been studied and examined in consultation with the State Governments. The matter was examined by a group of officers and then the Bill was introduced in 2006 in the Rajya Sabha. I don't need to go into the various provisions which have been introduced; they are there before the House. An important feature of the Bill relates to what is called "victimology". Provisions are being made that the victim of a crime can also engage an advocate of his or her choice to assist an investigation. A scheme is being formulated to provide compensation to victims of crimes. One of the most important features of the amending Bill is the provision of protection to women. It has been proposed that all rape cases, as far as practicable, would be tried in the court of a woman judge. I take note of what the hon. Member said. It may not be possible to have a woman judge

in every court where rape cases are tried. Therefore, the Section says, 'as far as practicable'. The medical examination for arrested women would be done only by or under the supervision of a female medical practitioner. Investigation in cases of rape has to be conducted at the residence of the victim, as far as practicable, by a woman police officer, and all these provisions have been made. Granting frequent adjournments is a major cause of delay. Belonging to that profession, I am willing to plead guilty to that. Therefore, I think we have to put a lid on adjournments. Many, many years ago, when a criminal trial started, it could not be interrupted. When PW1 goes into the box, until arguments concluded, there can be no adjournments at all. Today we find PW1 examined by one judge and PW2 being examined by another judge six months later. That is hardly conducive to a fair trial of a criminal case. Therefore, I think the stricter provisions that we have introduced are correct. Although Mr. Bhatia pointed out that it could work hardship, I think some discipline has to come, both in the engagement of lawyers and in the acceptance of briefs.

Pendency in court is also a major cause, which has been engaging the attention of the Government. While other measures are being taken by the Law Ministry, through this Bill, some more offences are being made compoundable. I take note of what Shrimati Karat has said and I will, when she moves the amendment, respond to that appropriately. I have discussed the matter with her. Special provisions are being made through this Bill for enquiry and trial of persons with unsound mind. They should also get a fair trial. Another issue that has caught the imagination of people relates to video conferencing. I was a little disappointed or maybe surprised that Mr. Bhatia opposed audio-video recordings. I think this has now come to stay world over. Audio-video recordings are routinely made, and I think we should also introduce this into our criminal justice system. As I said, the Bill was introduced on the 23rd of August 2006; the Standing Committee submitted its Report on 16th August, 2007. We have examined the suggestions. Many suggestions have been accepted. It has not been possible to accept some suggestions. I regret that. But that does not mean that chapter is closed. We still have an open mind. We can examine that once again. I think amendments which are made are steps in a positive direction which will help to make the Criminal Procedure Code more humane to law-abiding citizens but more difficult for those who try to violate the law. With these words, Sir, I commend the Bill to this House and request that the Bill be passed. There are a number of official amendments. In fact, there are more official amendments than private Members' amendments as a result of which many of the provisions originally introduced are being dropped. As we come to them, I will say which are the provisions being dropped and the original provision in the Cr. P.C. is being restored. So, much of the debate is really answered with official amendments. I request that amendments be taken up. I will respond to her amendments as she moves them.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, the question is:

"That the Bill further to amend the Code of Criminal `Procedure, 1973 be taken into consideration."

The motion was adopted.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We shall now take up clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

We shall now take up clause 2. In clause 2, there are three amendments (Nos. 3 to 5) by the hon. Minister.

CLAUSE 2 — Amendment of Section 2

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, I move:

3. "That at page 1, *for* lines 8 and 9, the following be *substituted*, namely:-

"principal Act), after clause (w), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:-

4. That at page 1, lines 10 and 11, be *deleted*.

5. That at page 2, lines 1 and 2, be *deleted*."

The questions were put and the motions were adopted.

Clause 2, as amended, was added to the Bill.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We shall now take up clause 3. In clause 3, there is one amendment (No.6) by the hon. Minister.

CLAUSE 3 — Amendment of Section 24

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, I move:

6. "That at page 2, lines 6 and 7, *for* the words "co-ordinate with the prosecution in consultation with the Central Government or the State Government, as the case may be,", the words "assist the prosecution", *be substituted*."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

Clause 3, as amended, was added to the Bill.

Clause 4 was added to the Bill.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We shall now take up clause 5. In clause 5, there are four amendments (Nos.7 to 10) by the hon. Minister.

CLAUSE 5 — Amendment of Section 41.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, I move:

7. "That at page 2, line 18, *for* the words "credible information has been received", the words "a reasonable complaint has been made, or credible information has been received, or a reasonable suspicion exists"; be *substituted*.

8. That at page 2, line 20, *for* the words "which may extend to seven years", the words "which may be less than seven years or which may extend to seven years" be *substituted*.

9. That at page 2, lines 22 and 23, *for* the words "that information", the words "such complaint, information, or suspicion"; be *substituted*.

10. That at page 2, for lines 27 to 29, the following be substituted, namely:—

"(b) for proper investigation of the offence; or";"

The questions were put and the motions were adopted.

Clause 5, as amended, was added to the Bill.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We shall now take up clause 6. In clause 6, there is one amendment (No.11) by the hon. Minister.

CLAUSE 6 — Insertion of new sections 41A, 41B, 41C and 41D.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, I move:

11. "That at page 3, *for* lines 5 to 9, the following be *substituted*, namely:—

"41A.(1) The police officer may, in all cases where the arrest of a person is not required under the provisions of section 41(1), issue a notice directing the person against whom a reasonable complaint has been made, or credible information has been received, or a reasonable suspicion exists that he has committed a cognizable offence, to appear before him or at such other place as may be specified in the notice."."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

Clause 6, as amended, was added to the Bill.

Clause 7 was added to the Bill.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We shall now take up clause 8. In clause 8, there are five amendments (Nos.12 to 16) by the hon. Minister.

CLAUSE 8 — Substitution of new section for section 54. Examination of arrested person by medical practitioner

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, I move:

12. "That at page 4, in the marginal heading, *for* the words "medical practitioner", the words "medical officer", be *substituted*.

13. That at page 4, lines 10 and 11, *for* the words "registered medical practitioner", the words "medical officer in the service of Central or State Government, and in case the medical officer is not available, by a registered medical practitioner"; be *substituted*.

14. That at page 4, lines 13 and 14, *for* the words "female registered medical practitioner", the words "female medical officer, and in case the female medical officer is not available, a female registered medical practitioner"; be *substituted*.

15. That at page 4, line 15, *for* the words "registered medical practitioner", the words "medical officer or a registered medical practitioner"; be *substituted*.

16. That at page 4, line 20, *for* the words "medical practitioner", the words "medical officer or registered medical practitioner, as the case may be,"; be *substituted*."

The questions were put and the motions were adopted.

Clause 8, as amended, was added to the Bill.

Clauses 9 and 10 were added to the Bill.

CLAUSES 11 — Amendment of Section 157

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, we shall take up clause 11. There is one amendment — Amendment No. 17. Hon. Minister to move the amendment.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, I move:

17. "That at page 4, *for* lines 32 to 35, the following be *substituted*, namely:—

"Provided further that in relation to an offence of rape, the recording of statement of the victim shall be conducted at the residence of the victim or in the place of her choice and as far as practicable by a woman police officer in the presence of her parents or guardian or near relatives or social worker of the locality.".

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

Clause 11, as amended, was added to the Bill.

CLAUSE 12 — Amendment of Section 161

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, we shall take up clause 12. There are two amendments — amendments No. 18 and 19. Hon. Minister to move the amendments.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, I move:

18. "That at page 4, lines 40 to 43, be *deleted*.

19. That at page 5, lines 1 to 5, be *deleted*."

The questions were put and the motions were adopted.

Clause 12, as amended, was added to the Bill.

CLAUSE 13 — Substitution of New Section for Section 162

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, we shall take up clause 13. There is one amendment — Amendment No. 20. Hon. Minister to move the amendment.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, I move:

20. "That at page 5, clause 13, be *deleted*."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

Clause 13, as amended, was added to the Bill.

Clause 14 was added to the Bill.

CLAUSE 15 — Insertion of New Section 164B

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, we shall take up clause 15. There is one amendment — Amendment No. 21. Hon. Minister to move the amendment.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, I move:

21. "That at pages 5 and 6, clause 15, be *deleted*."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

Clause 15, as amended, was added to the Bill.

Clauses 16 to 21 were added to the Bill.

CLAUSE 22 — Omission of Sections 251 to 259

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, we shall take up clause 22. There is one amendment — Amendment No. 22. Hon. Minister to move the amendment.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, I move:

22. "That at page 7, clause 22, be *deleted*."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

Clause 22, as amended, was added to the Bill.

CLAUSE 23 — Substitution of New Section for Section 260

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, we shall take up clause 23. There is one amendment - Amendment No. 23. Hon. Minister to move the amendment.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, I move:

23. "That at page 7, clause 23, be *deleted*."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

Clause 23, as amended, was added to the Bill.

CLAUSE 24 — Substitution of New Section for Section 262

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, we shall take up clause 24. There is one amendment — Amendment No. 24. Hon. Minister to move the amendment.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, I move:

24. "That at pages 7 and 8, clause 24, be *deleted*."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

Clause 24, as amended, was added to the Bill.

CLAUSE 25 — Amendment of Section 263

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, we shall take up clause 25. There is one amendment - Amendment No. 25. Hon. Minister to move the amendment.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, I move:

25. "That at page 8, clause 25, be *deleted*."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

Clause 25, as amended, was added to the Bill.

CLAUSE 26 — Amendment of Section 274

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, we shall take up clause 26. There is one amendment — Amendment No. 26. Hon. Minister to move the amendment.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, I move:

26. "That at page 8, clause 26, be *deleted*."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

Clause 26, as amended, was added to the Bill.

Clause 27 was added to the Bill.

CLAUSE 28 - Amendment of Section 309

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, we shall take up clause 28. There are two amendments — Amendments No.27 and 28. Hon. Minister to move the amendments.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, I move:

27. "That at page 9, lines 1 to 5, be *deleted*.

28. That at page 9, line 6, *for* the bracket and alphabet "(d)", the bracket and alphabet "(c)", be *substituted*."

The questions were put and the motions were adopted.

Clause 28, as amended, was added to the Bill.

Clause 29 was added to the Bill.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, there are a number of amendments to Clause 30. The official amendments are amendment nos. 29 and 42. We can take amendment no. 42 later. You please call amendment no. 29 now.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We can take amendment nos. 29 and 42 together.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: No, no. Actually, amendment no. 42 is really following Mrs. Karat's amendment.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, but her amendments are from 35 to 40.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: I know, but amendment no. 42 follows her amendment. Therefore, my request is to please take amendment no. 29 first, then, you can take from amendment no. 30 onwards. Then, we will come to amendment no. 42.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Okay.

CLAUSE 30 — Amendment of Section 320

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, I beg to move amendment no. 29 to Clause 30. Sir, I move:

"That at page 11, line 20, *for* the word "Ditto", the words "the husband of the woman and the woman", be *substituted*."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Now, Sir, you may kindly take up amendments no. 35 to 40, one by one. I am accepting some, and, if I am not accepting, I will explain that to her.

Sir, with regard to amendment no. 35, at page 9, she wants 'inclusion of Section 324 as a compoundable offence' to be deleted. I accept that amendment. Therefore, you can put that first to vote.

SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Sir, I move:

"That at page 9, lines 29-30 be deleted."

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I shall now put the amendment no. 35 moved by Shrimati Brinda...*(Interruptions)*...

DR. K. KESHAVA RAO (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, it is already there. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Wait. Wait. ...*(Interruptions)*... Don't confuse.

DR. K. KESHAVA RAO: Where is the confusion, Sir? There is a section. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: This amendment is to Clause 30 that at page 9, lines 29-30 be deleted. It concerns section 324, which I just read out. But you were not in the House at that time.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Let me explain, Sir. Under the present Criminal Procedure Code, Sections 323 and 334 are compoundable in Table 1. Section 324 is not compoundable. We are introducing Section 324 as compoundable. A case is being made that Section 324 should not be made compoundable because Section 324 is an offence of voluntary causing hurt by dangerous weapons or means. I accept Mrs. Karat's case that Section 324 should not be compoundable. Therefore, the amendment may be accepted.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Okay. Now, I shall now put amendment no. 35 moved by Shrimati Brinda Karat to vote.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, next is the amendment no. 36, which also I accept.

SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Sir, this is amendment No. 36 that in clause 30, page 10, lines 5 to 7 be deleted.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, if I may respond to it, this relates to Section 406, Criminal Breach of Trust. It is now in Table 2. It is being brought into Table 1. She says, let it remain in Table 2. I accept it. Let it remain in Table 2. We may take it out of Table 1.

SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Thank you, Sir. I am grateful to the Minister. ...*(Interruptions)*... Sir, now, since the Minister has said that he is going to keep the status-quo...*(Interruptions)*...

Sir, I move:

"That at page 10, lines 5 to 7, be *deleted*."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Sir, regarding amendment no. 37, in view of the Minister's official amendment on this clause, I do not want to press this amendment.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Okay, amendment no. 37 is not pressed.

SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Sir, I am pressing for Amendment No.38.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes, you can press it.

SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Sir, I beg to move:

"That at page 12, lines 7 and 8, be *deleted*."

This relates to Section 312, that is, causing miscarriage to a woman. I have already moved the amendment. In my speech I explained it. I move that amendment.

The question was proposed.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, I am unable to accept this amendment for the following reason.

Section 312 is about causing miscarriage and if I may read Section 312 with the IPC, 'causing miscarriage. Whoever causes a woman with child to miscarry, shall, if such miscarriage be not caused in good faith be punished.'

Section 313 is, causing miscarriage without woman's consent. Whoever commits the offence defined in the last preceding section shall be punished if it is done without a woman's consent.

Section 314 provides for "with woman's consent". The problem about miscarriage is that it can happen in a variety of ways. And I am told that it is difficult to pinpoint whether the miscarriage was a natural miscarriage or a miscarriage deliberately caused. Therefore, the recommendation is that if a miscarriage has been caused under Section 312, if the woman consents, it can be compounded with the permission of the court, because this occurs in table 2 not in table 1. Therefore, first you must have the consent of the woman, and, secondly, it must

be with the permission of the court. I think arguments can be made on both the sides. But I would appeal to Shrimati Brinda Karat that since it is in table 2, it has to be with the consent of the woman and it is with the permission of the court. Let it remain as it is as we have introduced by way of an amendment.

SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Sir, I withdraw my amendment.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Amendment No.38 is not pressed.

Amendment (No. 38) was, by leave, withdrawn.

SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Sir, in Section 354, I press to move the amendment No.39.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes, you can press it.

SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Sir, I beg to move:

"That at page 12, lines 18 and 19, be *deleted*."

The question was proposed.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: I accept your amendment. You may kindly put amendment No.39 to vote. I accept your amendment.

SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: You are a much better Home Minister than you were a Finance Minister. Sir, I have to congratulate him.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: I don't know whether I am a much better Home Minister, but she is more reasonable in talking about criminal law than financial matters.

SHRI AMAR SINGH (Uttar Pradesh): Sir, today, it is Mr. Chidambaram's turn to give her a backhanded compliment.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I shall now put amendment No. 39 moved by Shrimati Brinda Karat to vote. The question is:

"That at page 12, lines 18 and 19, be *deleted*."

The motion was adopted.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Are you pressing for Amendment No.40?

SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: I am not pressing, Sir.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: She is not pressing it, Sir.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now amendment No.41.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, I will explain it.

The District Legal Service Authority and the State Legal Service Authority have a woman member. Therefore, let us leave it there at that and we will see it later.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: So, are you withdrawing?

SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Yes, Sir.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Amendment No. 41 is not pressed.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, I am moving Amendment No. 42. I have given notice of amendment No.42 to restore 406 to table 2.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You can move it.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, I beg to move:

42. "That at page 12 *after* line 24 the following be *inserted* namely:—

Criminal breach of trust 406 The owner of property in respect of trust has been committed."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

Clause 30, as amended, was added to the Bill.

Clause 31 was added to the Bill.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: In Clause 32, there is one amendment No.30.

CLAUSE — 32 Amendment of Section 328

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, I beg to move:

30. "That at page 13, *after* line 22, the following be *inserted*, namely:-

"Provided that if the accused is aggrieved by the information given by the psychiatric or clinical psychologist, as the case may be, to the Magistrate, he may prefer an appeal before the Medical Board which shall consist of—

(a) head of psychiatry unit in the nearest government hospital; and

(b) a faculty member in psychiatry in the nearest medical college."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

Clause 32, as amended, was added to the Bill.

CLAUSE 33 — Amendment of Section 329

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: In Clause 33, there are two Amendments (No. 31 and 32) by the Minister.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, I move the following Amendments (No. 31 and 32):

31. "That at page 14, *after* line 3, the following be *inserted*, namely:—

"Provided that if the accused is aggrieved by the information given by the psychiatric or clinical psychologist, as the case may be, to the Magistrate, he may prefer an appeal before the Medical Board which shall consist of—

(a) head of psychiatry unit in the nearest government hospital; and

(b) a faculty member in psychiatry in the nearest medical college.";

32. That at page 14, line 11, *for* the words "Magistrate of Court", the words "Magistrate or Court" be *substituted*.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

Clause 33, as amended, was added to the Bill.

Clause 34 added to the Bill.

CLAUSE 35 — Amendment of Section 344

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: In Clause 35, there is one Amendment (No. 33) by the Minister.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, I move the following Amendment (No. 33):

33. "That at page 15, clause 35, be *deleted*."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

Clause 35, as amended, was added to the Bill.

CLAUSE 36 — Insertion of new Section 344A

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: In Clause 36, there is one Amendment (No. 34) by the Minister.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, I move the following Amendment (No. 34):

34. "That at page 15, clause 36, be *deleted*."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

Clause 36, as amended, was added to the Bill.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: In Clause 37, there is one Amendment (No. 41) by Smt. Brinda Karat. Are you moving?

SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: I am not pressing.

Clause 37 was added to the Bill.

Clause 1 — Short Title and Commencement

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: In Clause 1, there is one Amendment (No. 2) by the Minister.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, I move the following Amendment (No. 2):

2. "That at page 1, line 3, *for* the figure "2006", the figure "2008", be *substituted*."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

Clause 1, as amended, was added to the Bill.

Enacting Formula

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: In the Enacting Formula, there is one Amendment (No.1) by the Minister.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, I move the following Amendment (No. 1):

1. "That at page 1, line 1, *for* the word "Fifty-seventh", the word "Fiftyninth" be *substituted*."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

Enacting Formula, as amended, was added to the Bill.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, the Bill, as amended, be passed.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have to inform Members that the Business Advisory Committee in its meeting held today, the 18th December, 2008, has allotted time for the Government Legislative Business as follows:—

	Business	Time alloted
1.	Consideration and passing of the following Bills:—	
(114)	The Information Technology (Amendment) Bill, 2006.	Two Hours
(115)	The National Investigation Agency Bill, 2008 as passed by Lok Sabha.	Six Hours (To be discussed together)
(116)	The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Bill, 2008 as passed by Lok Sabha.	
2.	Consideration and return of the following Bills, after they are passed by Lok Sabha:—	
(20)	Appropriation Bill relating to Demands for Grants (General) (Second Batch) for the year 2008-2009.	One Hour
(21)	Appropriation Bill relating to Demands for Grants (Railways) (Second Batch) for the year 2008-2009.	Two Hours

The Committee also recommended that in view of heavy Government Legislative Business, on Friday, the 19th December, 2008, only introduction of Private Members Bills be taken up.